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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/1/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-17, 25-29 and 31-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 18-24 and 30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In response to communications files on 1-November-2005, claims 2, 7, 18, 23-24, and 30 are amended per applicant's request. Therefore, claims 1-44 are presently pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The plurality of pre-defined templates are not described in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an

application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1, 6, 8-10, 13-17, 25-29, and 31-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (U.S. publication 2003/0074354).

As to claim 1, Lee et al. teaches a method for managing information on a web site for a business entity using a server system coupled to a centralized database and at least one client system (see abstract and page 1, paragraphs 7 and 9), the method comprising:

storing information in the centralized database (see abstract and paragraph 7);

displaying, on more than one web page within the business entity web sites, data including at least a portion of the information stored in the database (see paragraphs 36, 57, and 66);

accessing a content management tool to display at least one pre-defined template on the client system for prompting a user to enter new information including at least one of newly added information, updated existing information, and deleted existing information (see figure 11; paragraph 44 and claim 34);

entering the new information into the at least one pre-defined template displayed on the client system (see abstract; figure 4; and paragraph 36);

updating the centralized database by storing the new information therein (see abstract); and

automatically updating each web page included within the business entity web site that displays information corresponding with the new information by accessing the new information stored within the database and updating the corresponding information displayed on each web page with the new information (see paragraphs 7 and 69).

As to claim 6, Lee et al. teaches a method further comprising tracking the information stored in the centralized database (see page 3, paragraph 36).

As to claim 8, Lee et al. teaches wherein tracking information comprises compiling a report that includes information relating to the business entity including at least one of source information, use of proceeds, industry location, customer type, contacts, document links, types of financing, products, and business units (see page 9, claim 45).

As to claim 9, Lee et al. teaches wherein tracking information comprises compiling a report that includes information relating to a contact person within each business group in the business entity including at least one of address and telephone number, biographies, and location (see figure 9, characters 496 and 506).

As to claim 10, Lee et al. teaches wherein tracking information comprises compiling a report that includes information relating to at least one of a

business entity's expertise, worldwide presence, recommended Internet links, frequently asked questions, and industries served (see figure 7, character 430).

As to claim 13, Lee et al. teaches a method further comprising providing information stored in the centralized database in response to an inquiry (see page 7, claims 19 and 26).

As to claim 14, Lee et al. teaches wherein providing information comprises:

displaying designated business groups within the business entity on the client system for a user (see page 2, paragraphs 16 and 19 and page 3, paragraph 36); and

receiving an inquiry from the client system regarding at least one of the business groups (see page 7, claims 22 and 23).

As to claim 15, Lee et al. teaches wherein providing information comprises:

displaying information on the client system regarding at least one of a product and service offered by the business entity, information relating to the business entity, information relating to a contact person within each business group in the business entity, and information relating to at least one of a business entity's expertise, worldwide presence, recommended Internet links, frequently asked questions, and

industries served (see figure 7, character 430; figure 9, characters 496 and 506; page 1, paragraph 6; and page 9, claim 45); and

receiving an inquiry from the client system regarding at least one of product and service offered by the business entity, information relating to the business entity, information relating to a contact person within each business group in the business entity, and information relating to at least one of a business entity's expertise, worldwide presence, recommended Internet links, frequently asked questions, and industries served (see figure 7, character 430; figure 9, characters 496 and 506; page 1, paragraph 6; page 8, claim 29; and page 9, claim 45).

As to claim 16, Lee et al. teaches wherein providing information comprises:

accessing the centralized database (see page 7, claim 26);
searching the database regarding the specific inquiry (see page 7, claim 26);
retrieving information from the database (see page 7, claim 26); and
transmitting the retrieved information to the client system for display by the client system (see page 7, claim 26).

As to claim 17, Lee et al. teaches a method further comprising connecting the client system and the server system via a network that includes one of a

wide area network, a local area network, an intranet and the Internet (see page 1, paragraphs 8 and 9 and page 2, paragraph 30).

As to claim 25, Lee et al. teaches a network based system for managing business information on a web site for a business entity (see page 1, paragraph 3; page 2, paragraph 30; and page 8, claim 29), the system comprising:

a client system comprising a browser (see page 2, paragraph 30);

a centralized database for storing information (see abstract and page 1, paragraph 7);

a server system configured to be coupled to the client system and the database (see page 1, paragraph 7 and 9), the server system further configured to:

store business information in the centralized database (see abstract and page 1, paragraph 7);

displaying, on more than one web page within the business entity web sites, data including at least a portion of the information stored in the database (see paragraphs 36, 57, and 66);

display at least one pre-defined template on the client system for prompting a user to enter new information including at least one of newly added information, updated existing information, and deleted existing information (see figure 11; paragraph 44 and claim 34);

prompt the user to enter the new business information into the at least one pre-defined template displayed on the client system (see abstract; figure 4; and paragraph 36);

updating the centralized database by storing the new information therein (see abstract); and

automatically updating each web page included within the business entity web site that displays information corresponding with the new information by accessing the new information stored within the database and updating the corresponding information displayed on each web page with the new information (see paragraph 7).

As to claim 26, Lee et al. teaches wherein the client system further comprises at least one of:

a displaying component for displaying at least one of a pull-down list, a data field, a check box, and hypertext link options relating to the business information (see figure 6 and 15; page 2, paragraph 16; page 4, paragraph 45; and page 7, claim 5);

a sending component to send an inquiry to the server system so that the server system can process and download requested information to the client system (see page 3, paragraph 36);

a tracking component for tracking business information (see page 3, paragraph 36 and page 9, claim 45);

an accessing component for accessing the centralized database and causing requested information to be displayed on the client system (see page 3, paragraph 36 and 37);

displaying component for displaying business information for at least one business group included in the business entity (see page 3, paragraph 36);

a receiving component for receiving business information including at least one of adding new business information, updating existing business information, and deleting existing business information (see figure 11, characters 594, 596, 598, and 600);

a validating component for confirming the accuracy of the business information entered through the client system (see page 1, paragraph 7);

a collection component for collecting business information from users into the centralized database (see page 3, paragraph 36); and

a processing component for updating the centralized database when new, business information is received such that each web page within the business entity web site that displays business information corresponding with the new information is automatically updated to display the new business information (see paragraphs 7, 36 and 57).

As to claim 27, Lee et al. teaches wherein the server system further comprises a receiving component for receiving an inquiry to provide information from one of a plurality of users (see page 3, paragraph 36 and page 9, claim 46).

As to claim 28, Lee et al. teaches wherein the sever system further comprises a tracking component that accomplishes at least one of (see page 9, claim 45):

compiling a report that includes information relating to at least one of a product and service offered by the business entity including at least one of a type of financing, a use of proceeds, a type of industry, a location, a customer type, a contact person, and a product tern (see page 9, claim 45);

compiling a report that includes information relating to the business entity including at least one of source information, use of proceeds, industry, location, customer type, contacts, document links, types of financing, products, and business units (see page 9, claim 45);

compiling a report that includes information relating to a contact person within each business group in the business entity including at (east one of address and telephone number, biographies, and location (see figure 9, characters 496 and 506); and

compiling a report that includes information relating to at least one of the business entity's expertise, worldwide presence, recommended Internet links, frequently asked questions, and industries served (see figure 7, character 430).

As to claim 29, Lee et al. teaches wherein the server system further comprises a receiving component that receives business information from the client system regarding at least one of products and services, news, earnings releases, press releases, newsletters, papers, presentations, articles, perspectives, success stories, contact information, expertise, locations, recommended Internet links, frequently asked questions, and industries served by the business entity (see figures 6-14 and page 1, paragraph 6).

As to claim 31, Lee et al. teaches A network based system for managing, storing, and disseminating business information on a web site for a business entity (see page 1, paragraph 9), the system comprising:

a client system comprising an external browser, an internal browser, and a content management tool (see page 1, paragraph 4; figure 6, character 294; and figure9);

a centralized database for storing information connected to the content management tool (see page 1, paragraph 9);

a server system comprising a staging site in communication with an administrative site, the server system configured such that the staging site and the administrative site communicate with the client system through the internal browser, and the administrative site communicates with the database (see page 1, paragraph 9; page 4, paragraph 54; and page 8, claim 34), the server system further configured to:

receive business information from the client system, the business

information comprising products and services offered by the business entity along with at least one of news, earnings releases, press releases, newsletters, papers, presentations, articles, perspectives, success stories, contact information, expertise, locations, net links, frequently asked questions, and industries served by the business entity (see figure 6-14 and paragraph 6);

store business information in the centralized database (see abstract and page 1, paragraph 7);

displaying, on more than one web page within the business entity web sites, data including at least a portion of the information stored in the database (see paragraphs 36, 57, and 66);

access the content management tool to display at least one pre-defined template on the client system for prompting a user to enter new information including at least one of newly added information, updated existing information, and deleted existing information (see figure 11; paragraph 44 and claim 34);

prompt the user to enter the new business information into the at least one pre-defined template displayed on the client system (see abstract; figure 4; and paragraph 36);

utilize the content management tool to update the centralized database by storing the new information therein (see abstract); and

automatically updating each web page included within the business entity web site that displays information corresponding with the new information by accessing the new information stored within the database and updating the

corresponding information displayed on each web page with the new information (see paragraph 7).

As to claim 32, Lee et al. teaches wherein the content management tool comprises a data entry tool for adding, updating, and deleting business information stored in the database, the content management tool configured to (see figure 11, characters 594, 596, 598, and 600 and page 5, paragraph 61):

Determine each web page included within the business entity web site that displays business information to be updated by the new business information (see paragraph 7); and

automatically updating each determined web page included within the business entity web site with the new business information including updating dynamic and re-purposed business information displayed on each respective web page within the business entity web site (see figure 11, characters 594, 596, 598, and 600 and page 5, paragraphs 7 and 61).

As to claim 33, Lee et al. teaches wherein the content management tool comprises a data entry tool for managing business information within the server system, the content management tool is stored on the client system and configured to communicate with the database (see page 1, paragraph 4 and 9).

As to claim 34, Lee et al. teaches wherein the content management tool is further configured to restrict communication with the Internet (see page 1, paragraph 5 and page 3, paragraph 43).

As to claim 35, Lee et al. teaches a database for storing information used on a web site for a business entity (see page 1, paragraph 9), the database comprising:

a first receiving component for receiving information (see figure 11, characters 594, 596, 598, and 600);

a first storing component for storing information in the database (see page 3, paragraph 36);

an accessing component for accessing a content management tool to display at least one pre-defined template on the client system for prompting a user to enter new information including at least one of newly added information, updated existing information, and deleted existing information (see figure 11; paragraphs 44 and claim 34);

a second receiving component for receiving new information (see figure 11, characters 594, 596, 598, and 600);

a second storing component for storing new information in the database (see page 3, paragraph 36); and

an updating component for automatically updating each web page included within the business entity web site with the new business information including updating dynamic and re-purposed business information displayed on each

respective web page within the business entity web site (see figure 11, characters 594, 596, 598, and 600 and page 5, paragraphs 7 and 61).

As to claim 36, Lee et al. teaches wherein the first receiving component receives business information from the client system comprising at least one of products and services, news, earnings releases, press releases, newsletters, papers, presentations, articles, perspectives, success stories, contact information, expertise, locations, recommended Internet links, frequently asked questions, and industries served by the business entity (see figure 6-14 and page 1, paragraph 6).

As to claim 37, Lee et al. teaches wherein the first receiving component receives business information inputted through a word processing computer program on the client system (see page 3, paragraph 36).

As to claim 38, Lee et al. teaches wherein the database further comprises a validating component for confirming the accuracy of the business information entered through the client system (see page 1, paragraph 7).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a

person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. (U.S. publication 2003/0074354) in view of Young et al. (U.S. pub. 2003/0126157).

As to claim 2, Lee et al. does not teach wherein accessing a content management tool to display at least one pre-defined template on the client system further comprises providing a plurality of pre-defined templates displayable on the client system for prompting a user to enter new information relating to financial products and services offered by the business entity, wherein the plurality of pre-defined templates include a type of financial template, a use of proceeds template, a type of industry template, a location template, a customer type template, a contacts templates and a product terms template.

Young et al. does not expressly show wherein accessing a content management tool to display at least one pre-defined template on the client system further comprises providing a plurality of pre-defined templates displayable on the client system for prompting a user to enter new information relating to financial products and services offered by the business entity, wherein the plurality of pre-defined templates include a type of financial template, a use of proceeds template, a type of industry template, a location template, a customer type template, a contacts templates and a product terms template (see paragraph 16 and claims 16 and 18).

However these differences are only found in the nonfunctional descriptive

material and are not functionally involved in the steps recited the plurality of pre-defined templates include a type of financial template, a use of proceeds template, a type of industry template, a location template, a customer type template, a contacts templates and a product terms template steps would be performed the same regardless of the data.

Thus, this descriptive material will not distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art in terms of patentability, *see In re Gulack*, 703 F.2d 1381, 1385, 217 USPQ 401, 404 (Fed. Cir. 1983); *In re Lowry*, 32 F.3d 1579, 32 USPQ2d 1031 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to display different type of template, because such data does not functionally relate to the steps in the method claimed and because the subjective interpretation of the data does not patentably distinguish the claimed invention.

As to claim 3, Lee et al. as modified teaches wherein receiving information comprises receiving business information that includes products and services offered by the business entity along with news, earnings releases, press releases, newsletters, papers, presentations, articles, perspectives, success stories, contact information, expertise, locations, recommended Internet links, frequently asked questions, and industries served by the business entity (see Lee et al., figure 6-14; claim 45; and paragraphs 6 and 42).

As to claim 4, Lee et al. as modified teaches wherein receiving information comprises receiving information input through the client system for the business entity (see Lee et al., abstract and page 1, paragraphs 6 and 7).

As to claim 5, Lee et al. as modified teaches wherein receiving information comprises utilizing a word processing computer program to enter information into the server system through the client system (see Lee et al., page 3, paragraph 36).

8. Claims 11-12 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. (U.S. publication 2003/0074354) in view of Kozam et al. (U.S. patent 6,496,827).

As to claim 11, Lee et al. teaches wherein accessing a content management tool further comprises:

determining the information to be updated by the new information (see claim 15 and paragraph 69);

selecting each web page included within the business entity web site that displays information to be updated by the new information (see paragraph 69); and

automatically updating each selected web page included within the business entity web site with the new business information including within the business entity web site with the new information(see abstract and paragraph 7).

Lee et al. does not teach comparing the new information to the existing information stored in the centralized database.

Kozam et al. teaches a method and apparatus for the centralized collection and validation of geographically distributes clinical study data with verification of input data to the distributed system (see abstract), in which he teaches comparing the new information to the existing information stored in the centralized database (see column 3, lines 24-29).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lee et al. by the teaching of Kozam et al., because comparing the new information to the existing information stored in the centralized database, would enable the method to change the data, because “in particular, the invention provides for a method of gathering data that provides interactivity and uses an existing wide area network in the collection of data, while providing high quality data collection with immediate validation of data. Accordingly, the invention is particularly applicable to any enterprise wherein it is useful to collect and maintain data for subsequent study or analysis. It is extremely useful for institutions or businesses wishing to amass data for prospective studies, such as clinical trials for pharmaceuticals”, (see Kozam et al., column 1, lines 15-24).

“The present invention solves the problems noted above by providing a data gathering, validation/verification and transmission system that may be easily, and at minimal cost, made available to substantially all practitioners in a field regardless of geographic location Moreover, the system is designed to be utilized by even non-

computer-literate individuals in the general population”, (see Kozam et al., column 3, lines 3-9).

As to claim 12, Lee et al. teaches wherein accessing a content management tool further comprises:

receiving the new information at the server system on a single occasion through a single client system (see abstract; figure 11, characters 594, 596, 598, and 600; and paragraphs 6-7);

determining the information to be updated by the new information (see claim 15 and paragraph 69);

selecting each web page included within the business entity web site that displays information to be updated by the new information (see paragraph 69); and

automatically updating each selected web page included within the business entity web site with the new business information including updating dynamic and re-purposed information displayed on more than one web page within the business entity web site is (see abstract; claim 15 and paragraph 7 and 61).

Lee et al. does not teach validating the new information received through the client system; and

comparing the new information to the existing information stored on the centralized database.

Kozam et al. teaches a method and apparatus for the centralized

collection and validation of geographically distributes clinical study data with verification of input data to the distributed system (see abstract), in which he teaches validating the new information received through the client system (see column 3, lines 19-43); and comparing the new information to the existing information stored on the centralized database (see column 3, lines 24-29).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lee et al. by the teaching of Kozam et al., because validating the new information received through the client system; and

comparing the new information to the existing information stored on the centralized database, would enable the method to change the data, because “in particular, the invention provides for a method of gathering data that provides interactivity and uses an existing wide area network in the collection of data, while providing high quality data collection with immediate validation of data. Accordingly, the invention is particularly applicable to any enterprise wherein it is useful to collect and maintain data for subsequent study or analysis. It is extremely useful for institutions or businesses wishing to amass data for prospective studies, such as clinical trials for pharmaceuticals”, (see Kozam et al., column 1, lines 15-24).

“The present invention solves the problems noted above by providing a data gathering, validation/verification and transmission system that may be easily, and at minimal cost, made available to substantially all practitioners in a field regardless of geographic location Moreover, the system is designed to be utilized by even

non-computer-literate individuals in the general population”, (see Kozam et al., column 3, lines 3-9).

As to claim 39, Lee et al. teaches wherein the database is configured to: receive new information at the server system entered through the client system (see page 6, claim 1).

Lee et al. does not teach validate the new information; and change the existing information stored in the database with the new information such that at least one of dynamic and re-purposed information displayed on more than one web page within the business entity web site is changed on each respective web page configured to display the information.

Kozam et al. teaches a method and apparatus for the centralized collection and validation of geographically distributes clinical study data with verification of input data to the distributed system (see abstract), in which he teaches validate the new information (see column 3, lines 19-43); and

change the existing information stored in the database with the new information such that at least one of dynamic and re-purposed information displayed on more than one web page within the business entity web site is changed on each respective web page configured to display the information (see column 3, lines 40-43 and).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in

the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lee et al. by the teaching of Kozam et al., because validate the new information; and change the existing information stored in the database with the new information such that at least one of dynamic and re-purposed information displayed on more than one web page within the business entity web site is changed on each respective web page configured to display the information, would enable the method to change the data, because “in particular, the invention provides for a method of gathering data that provides interactivity and uses an existing wide area network in the collection of data, while providing high quality data collection with immediate validation of data. Accordingly, the invention is particularly applicable to any enterprise wherein it is useful to collect and maintain data for subsequent study or analysis. It is extremely useful for institutions or businesses wishing to amass data for prospective studies, such as clinical trials for pharmaceuticals”, (see Kozam et al., column 1, lines 15-24).

“The present invention solves the problems noted above by providing a data gathering, validation/verification and transmission system that may be easily, and at minimal cost, made available to substantially all practitioners in a field regardless of geographic location Moreover, the system is designed to be utilized by even non-computer-literate individuals in the general population”, (see Kozam et al., column 3, lines 3-9).

9. Claims 40-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. (U.S. publication 2003/0074354) in view of Kozam et al. (U.S. patent 6,496,827) as

applied to claims 11-12, 18-24, and 39 above, and further in view of Mukund (U.S. publication 2003/0069983).

As to claim 40, Lee et al. teaches a computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for managing business information on a web site for a business entity, the program comprising a code segment that receives business information and then (see page 1, paragraph 8; page 2, paragraph 30; and page 4, paragraph 44):

provides users with access to the business information (see page 1, paragraph 7);

displaying, on more than one web page within the business entity web sites, data including at least a portion of the information stored in the database (see paragraphs 36, 57, and 66);

accessing a content management tool to display at least one pre-defined template on the client system for prompting a user to enter new information including at least one of newly added information, updated existing information, and deleted existing information (see figure 11; paragraph 44 and claim 34);

stores the business information in the centralized database (see abstract and page 1, paragraph 7); and

automatically updating each web page included within the business entity web site that displays information corresponding with the new information by accessing the new information stored within the database and updating the

corresponding information displayed on each web page with the new information (see paragraph 7).

Lee et al. does not teach validates business information received through the client system.

Kozam et al. teaches a method and apparatus for the centralized collection and validation of geographically distributes clinical study data with verification of input data to the distributed system (see abstract), in which he teaches validates business information received through the client system (see abstract; column 1, lines 15-19; and column 3, lines 19-43).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lee et al. by the teaching of Kozam et al., because validates business information received through the client system, would enable the method to change the data, because “in particular, the invention provides for a method of gathering data that provides interactivity and uses an existing wide area network in the collection of data, while providing high quality data collection with immediate validation of data. Accordingly, the invention is particularly applicable to any enterprise wherein it is useful to collect and maintain data for subsequent study or analysis. It is extremely useful for institutions or businesses wishing to amass data for prospective studies, such as clinical trials for pharmaceuticals”, (see Kozam et al., column 1, lines 15-24).

“The present invention solves the problems noted above by providing a data gathering, validation/verification and transmission system that may be easily, and

at minimal cost, made available to substantially all practitioners in a field regardless of geographic location Moreover, the system is designed to be utilized by even non-computer-literate individuals in the general population”, (see Kozam et al., column 3, lines 3-9).

Lee et al. as modified still does not teach maintains a database by adding, deleting and updating the business information; and

receives business information through the client system, the business information including at least one of products and services, news, earnings releases, press releases, newsletters, papers, presentations, articles, perspectives, success stories, contact information, expertise, locations, net links, frequently asked questions, and industries served by the business entity.

Mukund teaches web based methods and systems for managing compliance assurance information (see abstract) in which he teaches maintain a database by adding, deleting and updating the business information (see page 2, paragraph 10); and

receives business information through the client system, the business information including at least one of products and services, news, earnings releases, press releases, newsletters, papers, presentations, articles, perspectives, success stories, contact information, expertise, locations, net links, frequently asked questions, and industries served by the business entity (see page 11, claim 35).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in

the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lee et al.
as modified, by the teaching of Mukund, because maintaining a database by adding,
deleting and updating the business information;

receives business information through the client system, the
business information including at least one of products and services, news, earnings
releases, press releases, newsletters, papers, presentations, articles, perspectives,
success stories, contact information, expertise, locations, net links, frequently asked
questions, and industries served by the business entity, would enable a computer
program to “Likewise, other facilities within the business entity might also have to
perform and report identical, similar, or different CA tasks. In addition, if a facility is
found to be in non-compliance, the facility might be required to take certain action to
become compliant and might have to submit documentation showing its compliance.
For business entities having numerous employees located in multiple divisions
worldwide, managing CA information, which might include scheduling the CA tasks
to be performed at each facility, reminding an assigned contact person at each facility
of the upcoming CA tasks to be performed, confirming that the required CA tasks have
been performed in a timely manner at each facility, properly documenting the CA tasks
performed at each facility, and confirming that each facility within the business entity
is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and/or internal business
standards and policies, is a major challenge. Failure to properly schedule, perform,
and report the CA tasks, including audits, can result in delayed system operations,

extended or additional maintenance, increased costs, and, in some cases, civil and/or criminal penalties”, (see Mukund, page 1, paragraph 3).

“In another aspect, a method for managing, storing, and disseminating compliance assurance (CA) information using a web-based system is provided. The system employs a server system coupled to a centralized interactive database, at least one managerial user system, and at least one client system. The CA information includes at least one of site information, a CA calendar, a CA audit tracking system, a CA audit tool, and CA contacts information. The method includes the steps of receiving CA information from a client system, storing CA information into a centralized database, cross-referencing CA information, updating the centralized database periodically to maintain CA information, providing CA information in response to an inquiry, notifying users electronically of CA tasks and CA deadlines, and providing an electronic report of the CA audit tracking system and the CA calendar to the managerial user system”, (see Mukund, page 1, paragraph 5).

As claim 41, Lee et al. as modified teaches a computer program further comprising a code segment that updates each web page within the business entity web site after the business information is entered through a single web page on the client system (see Lee et al., figure 11, character 608 and figure 18, character 930, 934, and 954).

As claim 42, Lee et al. as modified teaches a computer program further comprising a code segment that updates at least one of dynamic and re-purposed information within the business entity web site after the business information is entered into the server system through the client system (see Lee et al., figure 11, character 608; figure 18, character 930, 934, and 954; and page 1, paragraph 7).

As claim 43, Lee et al. as modified teaches a computer program further comprising:

a code segment that accesses the database (see Mukund, page 11, claim 36);

a code segment that searches the database in response to an inquiry (see Mukund, page 11, claim 36);

a code segment that retrieves information from the database (see Mukund, page 11, claim 36);

a code segment that causes retrieved information to be displayed on a client system (see Mukund, page 11, claim 36);

a code segment that receives business information at the server system through the client system (see Lee et al., page 3, paragraph 36);

a code segment that validates the business information entered into the server system (see Kozam et al., column 1, lines 15-19 and column 3, lines 19-43); and

a code segment that updates duplicative information displayed on more than one web page within the business entity web site with validated business

information (see Kozam et al., column 3, lines 40-43 and see also Lee et al., page 7, claim 15).

As claim 44, Lee et al. as modified teaches a computer program further comprising a code segment that monitors the security of the system by restricting access to authorized individuals (see Mukund, page 11, claim 37).

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 7, 18-24, and 30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments filed 1-November-2005 with respect to the rejected claims in view of the cited references have been fully considered but they are not found persuasive:

In response to applicants' arguments that Lee et al. "automatically updating each web page included within the business entity web site that displays information corresponding with the new information by accessing the new information stored within the database and updating the corresponding information displayed on each web page with the new information", the arguments have been fully considered but are not deemed persuasive, because Lee et al. teaches "FIG. 17 is an exemplary embodiment of a Webmaster Module

user interface 770 displayed by system 10 (shown in FIG. 1). Through Webmaster Module user interface 770, the user may select Add Folder 774, Delete 776 or Update 778 an existing folder, or Exit 780 from the user interface”, (see Lee et al, paragraphs 68). “server system 12 provides 900 the requested information to the user by either displaying 910 the information on the user's display or by printing 912 it on an attached or a remote printer. The user continues to search database 20 for other information, updates 930 the database by adding 934 folders, files or users, deleting 936 folders, files or users to database 20 with new or revised information or exits 950 from system 10. The system provides the ability for attorneys, managers, employees and database administrators to directly update, review and generate reports of current information”, (see Lee et al, paragraphs 69).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Belix M. Ortiz whose telephone number is 571-272-4081. The examiner can normally be reached on moday-friday 9am-5pm.

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